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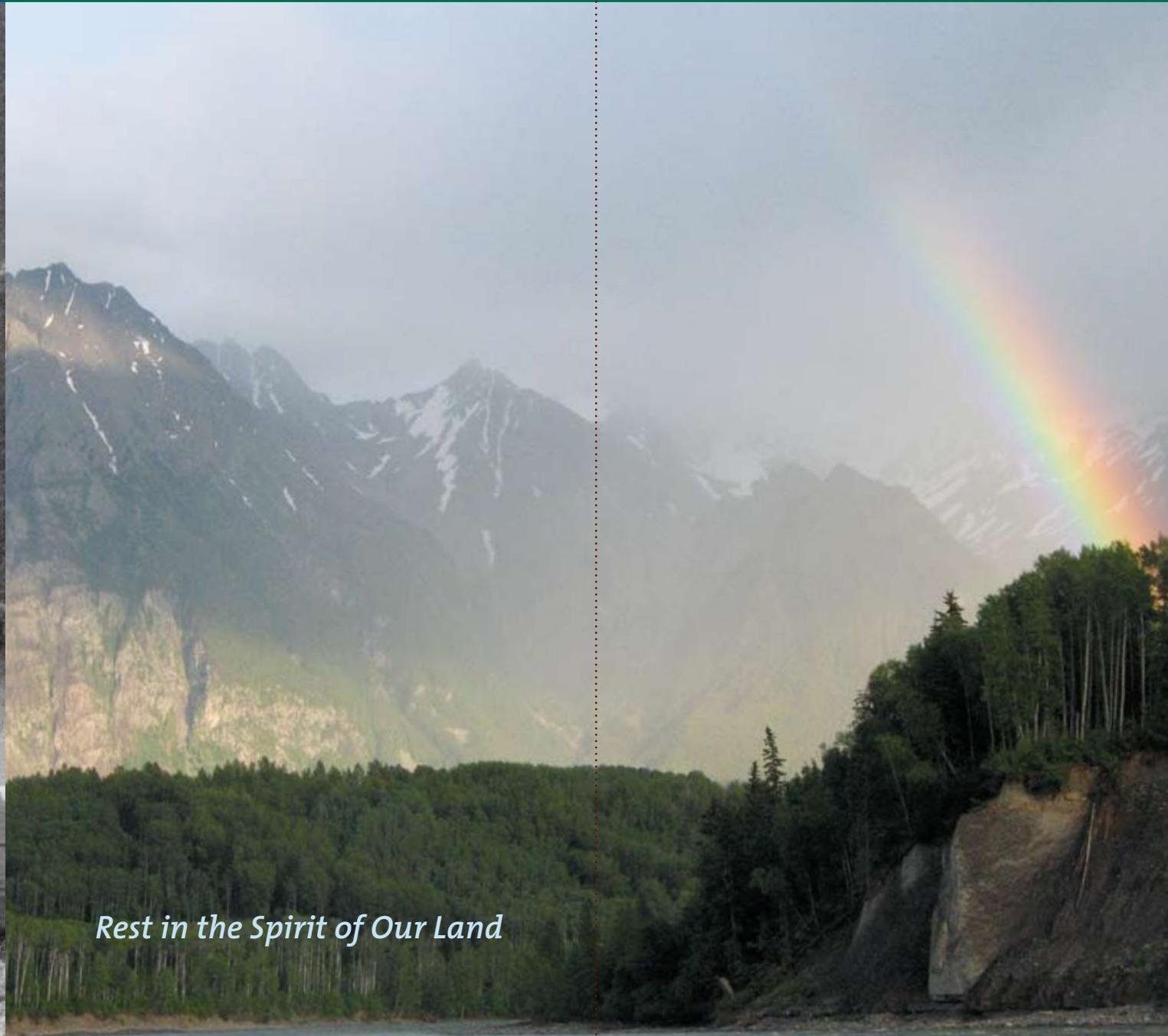
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'KSAN
CAMPGROUND



Rest in the Spirit of Our Land

'Ksan campground is located at the confluence of the Skeena and Bulkley rivers, within the community of Hazelton, BC.

By Car

We are located just off Highway 16 in Hazelton. From Prince George travel west for approximately 450 km (275mi). From the Alaska Highway, turn-off onto the Stewart-Cassiar Highway (Route 37) drive south for 720 km (449 mi), then turn-off east onto Route 16, and drive for 43 km (27 mi); and from Prince Rupert, drive east for 285 km (180 ml).



By Air

The closest airport is in Smithers, just 60 km away. For additional travel information, visit the Hazelton community web site: www.village.hazelton.bc.ca/html/travel.htm

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Where the mighty Skeena and Bulkley rivers converge, near the ancient Gitanmaax village where our people have lived for centuries, the 'Ksan campground is a place out of time. Set in a wilderness that is at once breathtakingly beautiful and seeped in history, 'Ksan campground is the perfect base for a truly unique holiday.



Names and Meanings

In our way, our language tells a story of our culture.

The word 'Ksan (Xsan) is our ancient word for the Skeena river. To the Gitksan people, Xsan is the 'river of mist.' Git, literally means 'the people,' and Gitksan, therefore, are the 'people of the river of mist.'



Gitanmaax is one of five centuries-old Gitksan villages. In our language, maax is a word from the creation story of that village. It refers to a woman who

had three babies, whom she fed by attracting salmon to a burning birch pole. Gitanmaax, therefore, are 'people who attract [fish] with fire.'

On the banks of the misty river

Ours is a land of magic and majesty. Rushing rivers, rugged mountain peaks, alpine plateaus, freshwater lakes and dense forests - the 'Ksan campground is located in one of the most diverse and exciting wilderness regions in North America.



The Skeena river harbours an abundance of life; river otters, beaver, and salmon – a traditional staple of our



Gitksan diet – flourish here. In the vast wilderness beyond you will find deer, caribou, moose, black bears, grizzlies, wolves, mountain goats, martens, wolverines, and porcupines. Look to the skies and you will see

eagles, hawks, gulls and a variety of waterfowl. And in the northernmost reach of our region the rare and elusive Kermode – or "spirit bear" – makes its home.

In this vast wilderness, three distinct climactic zones meet – the temperate coastal rainforest, the boreal forest, and the inland plateau. This confluence is the recipe for a biodiversity that is unparalleled in western Canada.



Experience the warmth of our ancestors

For centuries prior to European settlement of this region, the Gitksan were known as generous neighbours, formidable

traders, skilled crafts-people – and, when required, fierce warriors. Today, our spirit is evident in a fierce sense of cultural pride. Visit 'Ksan and you will find the Gitanmaax people warm and welcoming.

With our feet planted firmly in the present, we continue to honour our history and maintain our

culture and language. Here, you can learn first hand about the rich cultural heritage of the Gitksan people who have lived in this region for centuries. Feasts and dances, our clan system and matrilineal heritage,



traditions of fishing, hunting, and artisanship – all still thrive here in the best of both worlds.

At the nearby 'Ksan Historical

Village, visitors can take a step back in time. A Gitksan village of the 1800's has been re-created, complete with cedar plank communal houses, totems, a museum and carving house.



Your adventure begins here

Whether you are looking for a wilderness adventure, cultural experience, or simply rest and relaxation – 'Ksan is the gateway to a unique holiday that will leave your spirit refreshed and your soul renewed.



For the fishing enthusiast, the Skeena and Bulkley rivers, as well as our many freshwater lakes, offer some of the best fishing in BC. Our waters provide ideal conditions, and here you will find the world's biggest steelhead and salmon.

Those who enjoy activity outdoors



have their choice of kayaking, rafting, swimming, fishing, and canoeing. Biking and hiking trails abound in the nearby woods, and this is a prime spot for bird-watching. In summer, the

trails boast an abundance of wild berries. In winter this is a perfect destination for cross-country skiing.

On Site

- Full service RV pull-throughs
- Water, sewer, electric
- Hot Showers
- High speed Internet
- Peaceful walking trails



Nearby

- The Hazeltons, local villages of Hazelton, New Hazelton, and South Hazelton
- The 'Ksan Historical Village and Museum
- Gitanmaax tri-town movie theatre